

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1225

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of State Route 100 in
Hardeman County in honor of the late J.D.
McKinnie, former Sheriff of Hardeman County.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has named certain highways and bridges in honor of those outstanding citizens who during their lifetimes distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the late J.D. McKinnie, former Sheriff of Hardeman County, was most assuredly one such outstanding public servant, as he gave his life while protecting his community from those who sought to do it harm; and

WHEREAS, a great tragedy befell Hardeman County on the fateful day of July 26, 1974, when Sheriff McKinnie died in the line of duty in an automobile accident at the intersection of State Route 100 and Vildo Road; and

WHEREAS, serving his first term as Hardeman County Sheriff at the time of his death, J.D. McKinnie had dedicated his life to public service and the betterment of his community throughout his illustrious tenure with the Sheriff's Department; those fellow citizens who had the pleasure of knowing him were enriched by his countless endeavors on their behalf, as was Hardeman County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff McKinnie truly enjoyed being a police officer, and he evidenced uncommon dedication to his duties despite the long hours and the uncertain and often dangerous nature of his profession; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff McKinnie was a highly respected member of the greater Hardeman County community, not only as a law enforcement professional who served and protected his fellow citizens, but also as a neighbor and friend; and

WHEREAS, the Hardeman County Commission has petitioned this General Assembly to name a certain segment of State Route 100 near the intersection where Sheriff McKinnie lost his life to honor him, and we most heartily concur with this excellent proposal to permanently commemorate the singular hard work, courage, and commitment to duty of the late Sheriff J.D. McKinnie, an outstanding police officer, public servant, and human being who gave his life in the line of duty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the segment of State Route 100 beginning at one (1) mile west of such route's intersection with Vildo Road in Hardeman County to one (1) mile east on such route from the same intersection, for a total of two (2) miles, is hereby designated the "J.D. McKinnie Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an exemplary public servant who made the ultimate sacrifice of his life while protecting his community and fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs designating such segment of State Route 100 in Hardeman County as the "J.D. McKinnie Memorial Highway". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if Hardeman County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Hardeman County shall make payment of the estimated cost prior to any expenditure by the State for manufacture or installation of such

signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated costs to Hardeman County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Hardeman County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the Hardeman County Commission for presentation to Sheriff McKinnie's family as a memento of this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.